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trunk ☐ (trungk) KEY

NOUN:

1

- The main woody axis of a tree.
- b. Architecture The shaft of a column.
- a. The body of a human or animal excluding the head and limbs.
  - The thorax of an insect.
- 3. A proboscis, especially the long prehensile proboscis of an elephant.

4.

- a. A main body, apart from tributaries or appendages.
- b. The main stem of a blood vessel or nerve apart from the branches.
- A trunk line.
- 6. A chute or conduit.
- 7. Nautical
- A watertight shaft connecting two or more decks. b. The housing for the centerboard of a vessel.
- 8. Nautical Any of certain structures projecting above part



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of a main deck, as:

- A covering over the hatches of a ship.
- b. An expansion chamber on a tanker.
- A cabin on a small boat.

9.

- A covered compartment for luggage and storage, generally at the rear of an automobile.
- A large packing case or box that clasps shut, used as luggage or for storage.
- trunks Shorts worn for swimming or other athletics.

#### ETYMOLOGY:

Middle English trunke, from Old French trong, from Latin truncus; see tere- 2 in Indo-European roots

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